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TURKEY.

*Smallpox in Bagdad.*

BAGDAD, November 20, 1898.

State Department, Washington, D. C.: Smallpox.

VENEZUELA.

*Abatement of smallpox epidemic.*

CARACAS, November 7, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the epidemic of smallpox, which has been very serious in Venezuela for the past five months, is almost entirely exterminated.

In Valencia, where the disease was very bad, the last official reports showed about 80 cases in the hospital. In Caracas the government has officially closed the hospital, as there are no cases at all, and La Guayra is also free from the disease.

The West Indies still keep up a quarantine against vessels from Venezuelan ports, but this quarantine is not general, most of the ports only quarantining against vessels with passengers from near the infected districts.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM W. RUSSELL.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

COLOMBIA—*Carthagera*.—Month of October, 1898. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 39. No contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*Nantes*.—Month of October, 1898. Estimated population, 130,000. Total number of deaths, 231, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 7; measles, 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

ROUBAIX.—Month of October, 1898. Estimated population, 125,697. Total number of deaths, 204, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 3, and 7 from whooping cough.

GERMANY—*Dresden*.—Month of September, 1898. Estimated population, 386,300. Total number of deaths, 658, including diphtheria, 5; measles, 4; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 12, and 68 from phthisis pulmonalis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended November 5 correspond to an annual rate of 17.0 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Liverpool, viz, 22.2, and the lowest in Croydon, viz, 6.7.

*London*.—One thousand three hundred and ninety-four deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 23; scarlet fever, 13; diphtheria, 28; whooping cough, 10; enteric fever, 29; typhus, 1, and diarrhea and dysentery, 34. The deaths from all causes correspond to

an annual rate of 16.1 a thousand. In greater London 1,825 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 14.8 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 17 from diphtheria, 4 from scarlet fever, and 10 from whooping cough.

*Ireland*.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended November 5 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 21.8 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,007,798. The lowest rate was recorded in Lurgan, viz, 4.6, and the highest in Armagh, viz, 35.6 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 166 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 3; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 2, and whooping cough, 3.

*Scotland*.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended November 5 correspond to an annual rate of 18.9 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,568,536. The lowest mortality was recorded in Dundee, viz, 17.4, and the highest in Perth, viz, 28.9 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 571, including diphtheria, 10; measles, 7; scarlet fever, 6, and whooping cough, 7.

GUIANA—*Parimaribo*.—Month of August, 1898. Estimated population, 30,535. Total number of deaths, 74. No contagious diseases reported.

Month of September, 1898. Estimated population, 30,535. Total number of deaths, 88. No contagious diseases reported.

INDIA—*Singapore*.—Month of September, 1898. Estimated population, 97,111. Total number of deaths, 613, including beriberi, 89; smallpox, 1, and 107 from phthisis pulmonalis.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki*.—Ten days ended September 30, 1898. Estimated population, 39,000. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever.

MALTA.—Two weeks ended September 30, 1898. Estimated population, 177,745. Total number of deaths, 188, including 5 from enteric fever.

NICARAGUA—*San Juan del Norte*.—Month of October, 1898. Estimated population, 1,156. Total number of deaths, 6. No contagious diseases reported.